

Township Police Department before joining the New Jersey State Police. Sean was known by fellow officers for his upbeat and positive spirit, and his ability to overcome any obstacle in his way.

Trooper Cullen sacrificed precious time with his fiancée and son to protect and serve those in need. He was fatally struck by an oncoming vehicle while responding to an accident.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored by the selfless dedication displayed by Sean Cullen. He was a true hero, who put his life in harm's way to protect and serve those in need. It is with a heavy heart that I rise before the United States House of Representatives to commemorate his career and life, and recognize the lasting legacy that he has left behind.

STEVEN LANTSBERGER RETIRES FROM THE CITY OF HESPERIA

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Steven Lantsberger who will be retiring from the City of Hesperia after 18 years of service. Mr. Lantsberger is the Director of the city's Economic Development Department.

Mr. Lantsberger has spent nearly 30 years in the fields of economic development and redevelopment. He spearheaded Hesperia's successful efforts to create an Enterprise Zone and Recycling Market Development Zone. His innovative thinking has led to the creation of thousands of jobs in northern and southern California.

Mr. Lantsberger holds numerous professional certifications, including Economic Development Finance Professional, Housing Development Finance Professional, and Real Estate Broker and Appraiser. I want to thank Mr. Lantsberger for his years of service to the City of Hesperia and its citizens. His contributions will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the people he served. I wish him the best of luck as he enters the newest chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA S. PURA—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Linda S. Pura, of Los Feliz, a unique neighborhood in Los Angeles, California.

Born in New Jersey, Linda attended Skidmore College and New Jersey City University for her registered nursing degree and teaching credential, and California State University, Northridge, where she obtained her Master's of Public Administration Degree.

Linda's illustrious forty-two year career as a registered nurse, health care educator and nursing manager began at Bayonne Hospital in Bayonne, New Jersey. After moving to California, she was a critical care instructor for seventeen years at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, and then clinical manager of their blood donor facility, where she was responsible for blood donations and stem cell collection patient care. Linda provided, developed and coordinated educational programs and education needs assessments for over 400 primary care clinicians for the California Department of Health Care Services' Los Angeles County Cancer Detention Program, "Every Woman Counts." In addition, Mrs. Pura acted as the Consumer Representative for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee, where she advised the FDA in the development of quality standards for mammography facilities and accrediting bodies, and developed procedures to monitor compliance with standards and mechanisms to investigate consumer complaints.

A tireless advocate for women's breast health, Linda co-founded the Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County affiliate, an organization that provides funding for breast cancer education and outreach, and breast health services in the Los Angeles County communities. Linda has participated in multiple aspects of the organization, including serving as Board President, Race for the Cure Chairperson, and on the Education and Grants Committees, and is currently a member of their speakers' bureau, their metastatic breast cancer committee and the Race for the Cure committee. One of Mrs. Pura's major achievements was the design and organization of breast cancer diagnostic centers funded by Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County for symptomatic women and men. For her efforts, Linda received the national organization's Jill Ireland Award for Volunteerism.

Linda and her husband, Marshall Pura, have been Los Feliz residents for almost fifty years. Married for nearly half a century, they have one daughter and two granddaughters.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Linda S. Pura, for her extraordinary service to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HENRIETTA LACKS

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate Mrs. Henrietta Lacks, whose family knew her as a phenomenal woman. Decades after her death, the world now knows her phenomenal life-giving contributions.

Mrs. Lacks could hardly have known the impact her life would have. She grew up humbly in rural Virginia, moving as a young mother with her husband Day to find opportunity in Baltimore. The Lacks family continued to grow until she received her fateful diagnosis. The doctors at Johns Hopkins attempted to treat her cervical cancer, but were unable to save her life.

Of course, that is not the end of the story. In fact, her story is still being told through her

immortal cells, the first to replicate indefinitely, providing clinicians with an invaluable resource for their medical research.

In her lifetime, Henrietta Lacks never witnessed a man land on the moon. She could have hardly imagined that her cells would travel in space to help determine the effects of zero gravity.

Mrs. Lacks died decades before the discovery of AIDS. And still, her cells have contributed to treatments for those living with HIV.

That is immortality. This woman, who gave so much to her family in life, continues to give in her death.

As we celebrate her contributions, we must also acknowledge that they were not freely given. As an African-American woman of few means, she was not afforded in life the respect that she deserved. Her cells were used without her knowledge or her consent.

In fact, Henrietta Lacks' family did not know that her cells had been cultivated until researchers contacted them 25 years after her death requesting additional genetic material.

How could they have known the lengths her cells had traveled? Or the fortunes they had made?

It is tragic that the gift that Henrietta Lacks gave the world was really not a gift at all.

Still, the Lacks family continues to give. They have not shared in the riches that the HeLa cells have made possible. But they have reclaimed their privacy rights, working in cooperation with the National Institutes of Health to control access to their family's genetic code. Today, their experience informs discussions of bioethics and patient consent.

Truly, there will never be another Henrietta Lacks. This phenomenal woman left a legacy of generosity and humility in her remarkable family. I am proud to introduce a resolution today in the House of Representatives to honor Mrs. Henrietta Lacks.

This Women's History Month, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Henrietta Lacks, her life, and her remarkable place in history. On behalf of a grateful nation, thank you to the Lacks family for the countless ways you have enriched our lives.

HONORING LILLIE KAY MITCHELL

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lillie Kay Mitchell on being named the 2016 Germantown, Tennessee Lions Club Citizen of the Year. This award is indeed a fitting tribute for all the time and sacrifice that Ms. Mitchell has made on behalf of the people of Germantown and all of Shelby County, Tennessee.

After graduating from Leadership Germantown in 2004, Ms. Mitchell has become an active member of the Alumni Association, including serving as the organization's secretary in 2010. She has spearheaded multiple projects including the annual Neighborhood Association Seminar, thus putting her experience of founding the Neshoba North Neighborhood Association to practical use for the betterment of our community.

For the last 10 years, Ms. Mitchell has been a member of Germantown Public Safety Education Commission, including serving as Chair